



State of California
The Resources Agency
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE:	Rock Pit Training		
PROJECT LOCATION	This project is located within in the Sierra Foothills approximately 3.5 miles east of Ione, California on Hwy. 104.	COUNTY	Amador
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project activities will include the ignition and subsequent suppression of live fire with firefighting hand tools and back pumps as part of routine wildland firefighter training. The purpose of the training is to give new wildland firefighters the opportunity to safely learn fundamental wildland firefighting techniques using hand tools.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class IV
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the Class IV Categorical Exemption as will result in only minor alterations to the land and will not have a significant impact on the environment. An environmental impact analysis was completed to ensure the use of the categorical exemption is appropriate. The project is intended as a training exercise to allow fire crews to learn the safe and appropriate use of hand tools during fire suppression operations. Research associated with the environmental analysis coupled with the project activities that are proposed, the project will not result in significant impacts to the environment nor will taking of rare, threatened, or endangered plants or animals occur as a result of this project.

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